

Senate, April 14, 1998. The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-7 of the general  
2 statutes, as amended by section 14 of public act  
3 97-203 and section 2 of public act 97-241, is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof:  
6 (a) [Any] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
7 THIS SUBSECTION, ANY uncollectible claim for an  
8 amount of [two hundred] ONE THOUSAND dollars or  
9 less may be cancelled upon the books of any state  
10 department or agency upon the authorization of the  
11 head of such department or agency. [, provided any  
12 uncollectible patient claim due to The University  
13 of Connecticut Health Center for an amount of four  
14 hundred dollars or less may be cancelled upon the  
15 books of said health center upon the authorization  
16 of the Board of Trustees of The University of  
17 Connecticut, provided any] ANY uncollectible costs  
18 in an amount less than five thousand dollars  
19 incurred by the Commissioner of Environmental  
20 Protection pursuant to section 22a-451, AS  
21 AMENDED, for investigating, containing, removing,  
22 monitoring or mitigating pollution and  
23 contamination, emergency or hazardous waste may be

24 cancelled by the commissioner, in accordance with  
25 procedures approved by the State Comptroller.

26 (b) The [Governor, upon the recommendation of  
27 the] Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
28 Management [,] may authorize the cancellation upon  
29 the books of any state department or agency of any  
30 uncollectible claim for an amount greater than  
31 [two hundred] ONE THOUSAND dollars due to such  
32 department or agency. [or, in the case of any  
33 uncollectible patient claim due to The University  
34 of Connecticut Health Center, greater than four  
35 hundred dollars.]

36 (c) Upon the recommendation of the Attorney  
37 General, the Governor may authorize the compromise  
38 of any disputed claim by or against the state or  
39 any department or agency thereof, and shall  
40 certify to the proper officer or department or  
41 agency of the state the amount to be received or  
42 paid under such compromise. Such certificate shall  
43 constitute sufficient authority to such officer or  
44 department or agency to pay or receive the amount  
45 therein specified in full settlement of such  
46 claim. The record of any compromise effected  
47 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall  
48 be open to public inspection in accordance with  
49 section 1-19.

50 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,  
51 1998.

52 APP COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 49 NAY 0 JF

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 63**

STATE IMPACT                   None, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT           None

STATE AGENCY(S)           Various Agencies

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

Passage of this bill will provide for the settlement of cancelled uncollectible claims valued at up to \$1,000. Furthermore, it is not anticipated that passage will have any revenue impact.

It should be noted that the elimination of references to the University of Connecticut Health Center are primarily the result of the Center's use of other means to resolve uncollectible patient claims.

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**OFA BILL ANALYSIS**

SB 63

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**SUMMARY:** The bill allows state departments and agencies to cancel from their books uncollectible claims in the amount of \$1,000 or less. Current law only allows claims of \$200 or less to be cancelled.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 49      Nay 0